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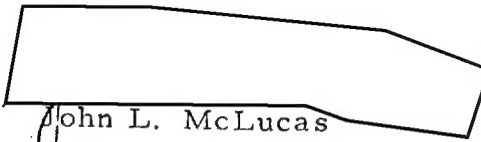
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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant to the President for National  
Security Affairs  
Deputy Secretary of Defense  
Under Secretary of State (Political Affairs)  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Executive Secretary, 40 Committee

SUBJECT: September Forecast and August Highlights of NRP Satellite  
and Aircraft Activities

Attached is the National Reconnaissance Program forecast of over-  
flight activities for the month of September 1973, and highlight informa-  
tion for the past 30 days on previously approved overflight activities.

  
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Attachment

NRO review(s) completed.



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FORECAST OF IDEALIST/TACKLE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 1973

<u>NUMBER OF MISSIONS</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	25X1
4 Peripheral	U-2		China/S. China Coasts	
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NOTE: 1. The eight peripheral missions will be flown against valid USIB requirements, and will be conducted in accordance with the restrictions set forth by higher authority on 5 August 1971 (to remain at least 25 nm offshore from the PRC and to avoid overflights of PRC held islands).

2. Plans are still active to fly the one remaining of the two IDEALIST SCOPE SHIELD missions previously approved.

25X1 IDEALIST/TACKLE HIGHLIGHTS 15 JUL - 14 AUG 1973

<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE FLOWN</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>	25X1
		All three missions were completed without incident. Three missions were cancelled due to weather conditions.	25X1

IDEALIST SCOPE SHIELD HIGHLIGHTS 15 JUL - 14 AUG 1973

S-033E	21 Jul.	The mission provided the best peripheral coverage of NVN to date. Imagery, useable for intelligence purposes, was obtained up to [ ] from the flight path. The mission was completed without incident.	25X1
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FORECAST OF OLYMPIC FIRE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER 1973

NUMBER OF MISSIONS

VEHICLE

TYPE

COUNTRY

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4 Overflights

U-2R

Cuba

NOTE: Estimate one/two sorties, depending on the weather, will be used to satisfy valid USIB requirements. The remaining sorties requested for use against other extraordinary/quick-reaction requirements that may occur during the month.

OLYMPIC FIRE HIGHLIGHTS 12 JUL - 11 AUG 1973

MISSION NUMBER

DATE FLOWN

REMARKS

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GA-005

1. The mission was flown without incident.

The mission obtained photography of three Soviet combatant vessels (a guided missile light cruiser, a guided missile destroyer, and an E-II class guided missile nuclear submarine) in Havana harbor.

2. As of 11 August the USIB requirement for 90% of Cuba to be photographed quarterly showed [ ] of the area covered. By the end of September the quarterly requirement will stand at [ ] if no missions are flown during the month. There are no Cuban [ ] requirements for [ ] at this time.

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